(d) if so, the number of bodies that privatised operation and management of water supply as on October, 2001; and

(e) whether free potable water will be continue to be provided to drought hit areas and also details of the funds allotted and spent for it during last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSITRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No specific report has been prepared in consultation with the world Bank envisaging a role to private sector including multinationals in the country's water wealth.

(c) and (d) Since urban water supply and sanitation are State subjects, the Central Government is not monitoring the involvement of multi-national companies by the State Governments to improve their existing water and sewerage networks. Though some State Governments are making efforts to involve the private sector, yet no successful privatisation has been reported so far.

(d) Potable water (Drinking water) is a State Subject and the scheme to provide the drinking water to rural habitations are planned, sanctioned and implented by State Governments. Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) & Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (Drinking Water Supply) PMGY (DWS). Further, the relief to drought hit areas is provided under Calamity Relief Fund and there is no specific provision made or funds allocated for potable water.

Enhancement of Budget for Irrigation

3041. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be plesed to state:

(a) the amount allocated for irrigation and the area of land under irrigation during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) which the area of irrigable land has increased marginally during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to enhance budget

allocation for irrigation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSITRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Area under irrigation and its assessment based on Land Use surveys vary from year to year and are not maintained according to Five year Plans. Irrigation is a State subject and all types of irrigation projects arc conceived, planned and implemented by the State Governments from their own Plan funds and according to their own priorities. The details of the amount allocated in the State Annual plans during the Eighth Five Year Plan for irrigation by using Major. Medium and Minor irrigation sources, potential created for irrigation of land during the Eighth Five year Plan and anticipated irrigation potential likely to be created during the Ninth Five Year Plan are as under:

Soruces	During VIII Plan		Anticipated Irrigation Potential
	Allocation (Rs. Crore)	Created Irrigation Potential (Million Hectare)	likely to be created during IX Plan (Million hectare)
Major & Medium Irriagtion Projects	22319.53	2.22	4.14
Minor Irrigation Schemes	5684.26	6.10	6.06
Total	28003.79	8.32	10.20

(d) and (e)Budget allcoation for irrigation is made by the respective State Governments on the basis of Plan funds allocated for the Sector to the States in Annual Plans and according to their own priorities.